

# The Free Lance

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1899.

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## Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railroad.

Schedule in effect October 9th, 1899.

TRAINS LEAVE FREDERICKSBURG.

Leave Northward.

5:12 A. M. daily.  
7:10 A. M. daily except Sunday, local, to Quantico only.  
8:12 A. M. Sundays only.  
10:12 A. M. daily except Sunday.  
12:12 P. M. daily except Sunday. Does not stop between Fredericksburg and Quantico.

Leave Southward.

6:35 A. M. daily. Stops only at Millers Dale, Stafford, Ashland, and Greenfield.  
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will return to their home, No. 304 Main street, Fredericksburg.

The bride was the recipient of many useful and costly presents.

Among those present were Mrs. Mary L. Chesler, Miss Bessie Chesley and Miss Annetta Brule, of this city; Mr. O. A. Bryan and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Decker, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Butzner, Miss Hattie Primmer, Mrs. A. T. Lynn, daughters and son, Mrs. Delafeld Clift and daughter, Miss Louie Daffan, of Calpeper, Mr. Geo. T. Ferneynough, Mr. John Ferneynough, of Middlesex; Mr. Milton Ferneynough and wife, Mr. T. B. Gayle, Jr., and many others.

Bernard Young.

A quiet but pretty marriage took place yesterday afternoon at 12:30 o'clock at the home of Mr. J. J. Young, on Main street, in this city. The contracting parties were his granddaughter, Miss Louie M. Young, daughter of Mr. Edgar M. Young, of Silver City, New Mexico, and Mr. William Bernard, of the firm of Bernick & Goodrich, of this city. Only members of the family and a few intimate friends were present. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. D. Smith, rector of St. George's Episcopal church. Both the bride and groom are very popular in society here. They left on the 1:35 train for a northern tour.

Bowering Jones.

Prof. A. B. Bowering, Commissioner of the Revenue of this city, and Miss Annie Laurie Jones, the popular daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Jones, of Spotsylvania county, were married last evening at 7:30 o'clock. The ceremony took place at Salem Baptist church, which was prettily decorated with gold-colored, evergreen and potted plants, and was performed by Rev. W. J. Decker, the bride's pastor. The bride wore a traveling suit of gray cloth with hat and gloves to match. As they entered the church Prof. W. E. Arnold, of Richmond, played Schubert's "Bridal March" on leaving the church Mendelssohn's wedding march. Rev. Hampton Jones, Messrs. Herschel M. Jones, Lloyd M. Jones and Leonard D. Jones, brothers of the bride, Fred O. Hayes, of Washington, and George A. Walker, of Fredericksburg, acted as ushers.

Prof. and Mrs. Bowering came to this city and at 9:30 o'clock left on the North bound train. On their return they will reside here.

Local and Current Comments

Dr. J. D. Palliam, of Spotsylvania, was in the city Tuesday.

Don't fail to see E. T. Baker's stock of Underwear.

Supervisor Ira P. Turner, of Spotsylvania, was in the city yesterday.

Rev. James Carmichael, of Wilmington, N. C., is visiting relatives here.

Saturday is the last day you can register if you want to vote at the coming election.

Mr. J. H. Blackley, of Penola, was among the visitors in the city yesterday.

Mr. George P. King has returned from a visit to friends in Fauquier county.

Miss Lucy S. Cunningham is in New York completing her musical studies under Dr. Wm. Mason.

Mrs. Delafeld Clift, who has been visiting relatives in Fauquier, has returned to her home in Stafford.

Mr. J. Kay, a prominent merchant of Caroline county, was in town yesterday. His bright little son, Stanley, accompanied him.

Mr. Brainerd Oates and wife have returned from their bridal trip. They will leave today to spend a week with relatives in Richmond.

Why not get your Jacket, Cape or Fur Collar, or Fur Bag from O. W. Jones now and get the full benefit of it for the winter season?

Mr. William E. Biscoe, of Spotsylvania, father of Mr. R. L. Biscoe, is quite sick at his home in the county. Mr. Biscoe is 56 years old.

Mr. Roland England, of Stafford, brought to The Free Lance office yesterday a mammoth sweet nut to his own raising, which weighed nine pounds.

We regret to announce that the condition of Mrs. James B. Colbert, which was considered improved on Tuesday, has changed, and she is now very ill.

We can furnish you the correct fall styles in dress goods, silks, millinery, Ladies', Misses and Children's wraps, Men's and Boys' clothing, etc. T. N. Brent.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Johnson, of Washington, and their friends here, Mrs. Johnson was Miss Maggie Goodrich, sister of Mr. Edgar H. Goodrich, of this city.

Mrs. Helen Dossell and granddaughter, Miss Helen Mary Finley, of Texas, who have been spending the summer here, will leave for Richmond this evening to spend the winter.

We acknowledge receipt of a complimentary ticket to the grand tournament and races to be held in Richmond, November 1st and 2nd, by the Old Dominion Tournament and Fair Association in connection with the launching of the Suburbs.

Mr. A. D. Alexander was taken sick while at Ashburn, in Orange, last week and attended by Dr. W. J. Crittenden. He came home Monday and is now suffering from his back and joints. It is thought to be acute rheumatism.

"The Eyes"—Hawke's spectacles are used by almost every one you see. Try them and you will find that they are superior in every respect to what you have used. Gold medal and diploma awarded. All eyes fitted without charge at Hall's Drug Store.

The program of the Virginia Christian Missionary Society, which will meet in annual convention in Richmond, beginning November 8, has been published. Among the addresses is one on "The Deliberate Loss of the Soul," by Rev. S. H. Forster, of this city.

The Right Rev. F. M. Whittle, Bishop of Virginia, will visit Grace church, Caroline county, next Sunday morning and will administer confirmation; he will also visit Emmanuel church, Port Conway, on Monday 30th, services at 11 a. m., and St. Peter's church, Port Royal, on Tuesday, 31st, services at 11 a. m.

The Hub for October, a handsome monthly publication devoted to the interests of carriage and buggy manufacturers, contains cuts of the officers of the National Carriage Association, called National Protective Association, among them an excellent likeness of Mr. Dabney L. Gravatt, of this city, who is a member of the Executive Committee of the body.

At a recent meeting at Montgomery, Ala., of the Board of Trustees of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, called by the Governor of the State, for the purpose of electing a successor to Prof. A. F. McKissick, who a short time ago resigned the Chair of Electrical Engineering, and Dr. W. J. Crittenden, Prof. Arthur St. Dunstan was chosen to fill the vacancy. Prof. Dunstan is a son of Mr. J. H. Dunstan, formerly of this city.

## A Trip to Warrenton.

HANDSOME ESTATES IN FAUQUIER

WHAT MR. W. H. LEWIS SAYS ABOUT THE SENATORSHIP.

Lucien Smith's Name Not on Official Ballot.

Pilcher, "Fauquier's Great Commoner."

Before dawn Monday morning The Free Lance took the train for Washington en route to Warrenton to attend Fauquier court. Arriving in Washington at 7:01 and after a hasty breakfast we boarded the 8:01 train of the Southern railroad and were soon speeding along. The trip was enlivened by the presence of Hon. J. F. Rixey and Mr. James A. Turner, of the Kenmore Shoe Company, who were also en route to Warrenton.

At Calverton we met Treasurer Hugh Hamilton, of Fauquier, who is a near relative of the Scott family, of Fredericksburg. He takes an interest in the affairs of the "Old Burg," and seemed most pleased when we told him of the upward turn of the city in its many new buildings being erected and the enhancement in value of real estate. He is considered one of the best county treasurers in Virginia. He was one of the large number of subscribers added to The Free Lance.

It was early when we arrived, and after a few minutes at the Warren Green Hotel, kept by Miss Host John Roach, in company with Mr. Turner, we started out to look at the town and its surroundings. It had been 32 years since our last visit to Warrenton, and then we stayed only a night and at the same hotel. We were then driving overland to the Valley of Virginia. It was just two years after the war when the country had not recovered from the ravages of war.

Now all is changed. Warrenton is a pretty town and its women considered the prettiest in Virginia. The residential houses are well kept, the lawns covered with soft, velvet grass and flowers adorn their grounds. The business houses, with their large stocks, would do credit to a larger town. At one end of the town is the pretty home of Rev. H. H. Weers, which was formerly the home of Mr. B. H. Shackelford. Farther down are the homes of Gen. Eppa Hunton and Gen. W. H. Payne, both well kept and attractive. As we approached the other end of the town we were struck with admiration at a handsome residence met our view, located on a hill overlooking the valley beyond. It was "Paradise," now owned by Mr. Fairfax Gaines, and which was the home of Judge Gaines. Our friend Turner was timid and suggested that we had better not go through the gate into the grounds where we could obtain a view; but we went through while our companion sat on the fence. We were fully repaid for our trespass. Below us was the loveliest valley we ever gazed upon. Handsome houses, broad acres of green wheat, shocks of corn, seemingly a few feet apart, thousands of cattle browsing in the green fields and the mountains as a background met our view. This scene alone would have paid us for the trip.

Less than a mile below us was the extensive stock farm, "Lanvale," owned and operated by Mr. Lewis D. Passanna, of Baltimore. On the left was "Penton," the home of Dr. George H. Chewing, of this city, where the family spends every summer. It is one of the most valuable estates in the county. On this estate are buried two of the first Colonial Governors of Virginia, Digges and Berkeley, and there is nothing to mark their graves but a simple rough stone. This estate was formerly the home of Mr. Enoch Jeffries, whose daughter is the wife of Dr. Chewing. A short distance in front was the "Old Poet's Home," owned by James DeKay, whose name is famous as a poet. Nestling in the valley with its old-fashioned gables and creeping vines, it is a typical poet's home. On the right was "Belle Air," in the distance looking like an old castle, a splendid estate, which has been lately purchased by Mr. Kennedy of Baltimore. "Loretto," owned by Mr. Muhlbacher, "Waverly," the home of Mrs. Charleston, who was a Miss Randolph, of Clarke county, which is a gem of a home, situated on the Spring road, and last but not least, the home of the late Gov. Wm. Smith, of Virginia, now owned by J. K. Maddux, and operated as a horse-breeding farm. Here we spent an hour and it was with regret we returned to the court-house green.

ON THE COURT GREENS.

Among the first people we met was Dr. Geo. H. Chewing, clad in a garb of corduroy, and if he had worn a cap would have been taken for an English huntsman. He had just sold 126 head of beef cattle for over \$50 per head and was in a happy frame of mind. He had also received 70 head of stock cattle which were being driven to his estate, "Penton." We could hardly resist an invitation to go and spend the night at his home.

There was a very small crowd of country people present.

One of the conspicuous figures present was Gen. Eppa Hunton. On approaching him we were introduced by Mr. Rixey, to which we replied, "There is no need of an introduction, we have known Gen. Hunton from boyhood."

The General said, "Yes, and why have you not seen me before?" We answered that we came to do so at the first opportunity. He seems to be in the best of health and is very active for a man of his years.

Hon. D. O. Hatcher, who was the flatterer delegate from Fauquier and Loudoun in the last Legislature, was present. This gentleman declined the repeated requests to again become a candidate and would have been renominated without opposition.

We were pleased to meet Judge O. M. White, of the county court. He is one of the youngest judges in the State, is a fine officer and one of the most popular men in the county. Judge White married Miss Stuart, of Stafford.

The busiest man we saw was Mr. R. R. Campbell. This gentleman, a prominent Republican, is the supervisor of census for the Eighth district. He has a great many appointments to give out and is extremely popular with the Democrats at this time, as they get half of the appointments. Mr. Campbell married a daughter of Gen. J. S. Mosby,

and she is postmaster of Warrenton. Mr. Campbell is a very able lawyer, and especially so in criminal cases.

It has been stated that the Democrats will have two candidates in Fauquier and Loudoun for the 11th district to the Legislature. This is not so. Mr. Lucien Smith, who accepted and then declined the nomination of the Middleburg convention, and again accepted and was defeated, had his name erased from the official ballot on October 18th, and his name will not be on it.

We regretted to see Mr. John A. Maddux, who was a former citizen of Stafford and foreman of "Boscobel" farm, now living near Warrenton, with an injured eye. Several days ago he was engaged sewing up a lot of bags, when the needle was thrown up and the point entered his eye, inflicting a painful wound. It was thought the sight would be destroyed, but the doctor now says it will not be.

A very amusing discussion took place between Hon. Theo. Pilcher and Mr. John S. Hamilton, of Mitchell's Station, which attracted a crowd. Mr. Hamilton is an ultra free silver and Tyler man, believes Bryan the greatest living American, is opposed to expansion, imperialism and Republican policy. He told Pilcher that he was a political Jack O'Lantern, whom he had been following for 20 years, but now he intended to cut loose from him.

WHAT MR. W. H. LEWIS SAYS.

We met Mr. W. H. Lewis, who is the nominee of the Democrats as a flatterer delegate to the Legislature. We said: "Mr. Lewis, it seems to be an undecided question with the public as to your position in the Senatorial fight between Martin and Tyler. Do you object to state to The Free Lance your position?"

"Certainly not," said he. "Personally, I am for Tyler for the Senate, but under the instructions from Fauquier, I will be compelled to vote for Martin. It is a bitter pill, but I will have to obey instructions."



Pilcher, "Fauquier's Great Commoner."

The most commanding as well as the most unique figure in the politics of Fauquier is Hon. T. C. Pilcher, of Middleburg, whose cut adorns this page. Mr. Pilcher, who has often been dubbed by his friends, "Fauquier's great commoner," has represented this constituency in the House of Delegates for the past ten years, and during that period has achieved a reputation for skill and readiness in debate as well as for devotion to the true interests of the people, that is limited only by the boundaries of the commonwealth. From the Tennessee line to the seashore, from the Northern Neck to where the soil of Virginia mingles with that of Carolina, public men, generally, know "Pilcher, of Fauquier." They respect him for his eminent ability, and honor him because of his unimpeachable loyalty to his friends. In his own county those who direct the affairs of the party are in the closest touch with him, and his advice is always sought and usually accepted whenever a fight is on hand.

During the Martin-Lee senatorial fight several years ago, Mr. Pilcher, who was left untrammelled by instructions from the withdrawal of Gen. Hunton, cast his ballot for Mr. Martin. For this exercising a prerogative, which the people had conferred upon him, he was subjected to tirade after tirade of unjust abuse by those who up to that time held undepicted sway in matters political in Fauquier. The decree went forth that never again was he to set foot in the legislative halls at Richmond, the duly accredited representative of the Democracy of Fauquier. This was the penalty he was to pay for having dared to vote to suit himself.

The erstwhile leaders, however, who were planning the political destruction of Theo. Pilcher, reckoned without their host. They either little knew the man or else little dreamed of the strong hold he had upon the hearts of the electors of his native county. Another legislative election rolled around. An immense mass-meeting gathered at the court house to name the party nominees. Amid the glad acclaim of the people, T. C. Pilcher was again made the Democratic standard bearer, and the would-be leaders, who had plotted against him were retired into political obscurity, from which they have not since emerged. From that day until now Mr. Pilcher has been the foremost man in public life in Fauquier.

At the early age of sixteen Mr. Pilcher volunteered for service in the Confederate army, and became a member of the famous Black Horse Cavalry. His record for bravery and deeds of daring is unsurpassed by that of any soldier in the army of Northern Virginia. After the war he returned to his parental home in Fauquier and resumed the life of a planter. In 1874 he removed to Middleburg, Va., where he now resides, and is engaged in mercantile pursuit. Possessing rare business tact,